Withdrawal of sanctions imposed by America

526. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the USA has withdrawn sanctions against various entities in India in the aftermath of the Nuclear Tests of May, 1998, and imposed such sanctions against the Chinese and Pakistani entities for transfer of Missile technology by China to Pakistan, etc;

(b) if so, the details of such developments since September this year;

(c) whether UK, Japan and other big powers have also since withdrawn such sanctions; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) On 22 September 2001, President Bush certified to the US Congress that the application of sanctions and prohibitions against India was not in the national security interests of the US, and lifted all military and economic restrictions, Subsequently, on 01 October 2001, the Federal Register Notification was issued, which implements the waiver of these sanctions by removing the policy of denial for exports and re-exports to India of dual-use items controlled for non-proliferation and missile technology reasons, and restoring the use of licence exceptions for these items for Indian entities not listed on the Entity List. The Entity List has also been pruned significantly. This waiver does not extend, however, to sanctions related to violation of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) as imposed by the US on Chinese and Pakistani entities.

(c) and (d) On 26 October 2001, Japan announced the lifting of sanctions that it had imposed on India after the nuclear tests of May 1998.

Indians Apprehended in Connection with Aviation Blasts in America

527. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any persons of Indian origin or Indians had been apprehended in Texas USA or elsewhere for alleged hand in September 11, 2001 aviation blasts in New York and Washington;

(b) if so,the details in this regard; and